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Applicant: Nguyen et al.

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For: Protection of non-carbon anodes...

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, please delete "or 2";

In claim 5, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 7, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 8, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 9, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 11, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 12, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 14, please delete "or 13";

In claim 16, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 17, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 18, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 19, please delete "any preceding" and insert after "claim", --1--;